

Episode 1: Can the internet answer ALL my questions?

Guests:

Rev. Jonah Overton

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Rev. Rachel Gilmore, UMC Elder

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Episode 2: Is the truth out there?

Guests:

Rev. Mike Whang, UMC Elder

Founder of Oikon Studios (digital and physical liturgies for spiritual formation)

www.oikonstudios.org

Rev. Nathan Webb, UMC Elder

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- Nerdy Sermons, video essays exploring the intersection of faith and fandom
- CheckBox, a quarterly subscription box expressly for embodying community across the global reach of Checkpoint
- Pixel & Pulpit, a Substack focused on my learnings in digital and nerdy ministry
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- Author of, *God and the Machine*, which covers the relationship between God and technology in an age of AI, providing a framework for wise discernment for local churches and laity

Rev. Phil Dieke, UMC Deacon

After serving in local churches for more than sixteen years he joined the staff at Austin Seminary to oversee the execution of grants supporting The 787 Collective and Houses of Hope. Phil earned a Master of Theological Studies from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University and a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies at Missouri State University. He currently serves as an executive member on the Board of Directors at Texas Impact and as the Chair for the Board of Church and Society in the Horizon Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. You can find him on social media (@phildieke) and as a podcast co-host for Radical Sacred.

Episode 3: Why is it easier to make friends online?

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Dr. Tamice Spencer-Helms

Creative Director & Host: [Black Modern Mystic](#)

Curator: [The Clearing](#) (hybrid online and local in person hush harbors) & [Black Science Labs](#) (research and retreats around post christian formation and faith reconstruction).

Public & Pastoral Theologian: [Substack](#) & [Everytable](#)

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